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Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).

Dear Commissioners:

As the FCC considers the merger between T-Mobile and AT&T, the Wyoming Education Association would like you to keep in mind the growing role of technology in the classroom. Our members work in Wyoming's schools, colleges, and the university to help improve public education and the lives of Wyoming's students. WEA members--more than 6,300 strong--provide a wide range of professional education services in communities throughout the state.

As educators in Wyoming we know that when available, rural communities rely on remote access to the Internet. With schools connected to broadband, teachers can provide children with access to more classes, resources and subjects. Innovative and interactive learning techniques attributable to high-speed Internet can help advance the learning of special needs children. Teachers can also implement a curriculum and classroom environment that is more effective and dynamic for all students.

But the power of high-speed Internet does not stop at teaching. Broadband offers practical education solutions for administrators that manage budgets, logistics and schedules. They can also tap into resources and best practices being used in other states or school districts. Communication and the sharing of information can produce positive results and help raise the bar for our entire education system.

If our children are going to be the leaders of tomorrow and help America compete on a global stage, they must have access to digital technology. High schools and college campuses must be places where students can gain necessary skills to achieve in mathematics, science and technology. These are the areas which America is lagging behind and will decide the strength of the American economy.

The T-Mobile and AT&T merger will increase wireless connectivity and bring more Wyomingans fast Internet access. The world is rapidly changing and if our students, teachers and administrators are not connected, America's education system will get left behind. Please join us in supporting the merger. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Valido". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kathryn Valido  
President  
Wyoming Education Association

